

Remarks

In the Office Action dated May 19, 2003, a restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species. In particular, the Examiner contends that Figures 1-15 and Figures 16-18 relate to different species.

Applicants hereby elect the species contained in Figures 1-15 for further prosecution in this application and submit that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-22) are readable thereon. As such, Applicants do not presently wish to prosecute the species contained in Figures 16-18 and reserve the right to file a continuing application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected species prior to the issuance of a patent on the species elected for further prosecution at this time.

Along with this Response, the Applicants have provided a Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendment and Formal Drawings as required in the Office Action dated May 19, 2003. Applicants have also amended the specification so that it is constant with the proposed drawing changes submitted herewith.

Applicants do not believe that 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d) requires a fee to accompany this Response. However, should such a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that are required to Deposit Account No. 50-0831, DELPHI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. If the Examiner should feel that any unresolved issues remain in the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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